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To the Bideford Town Council.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting herewith my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1947.

I am pleased to state the district continues to hold its own as a Health Resort as will be seen from the General Statistics given in the several Tables.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

ELLIS PEARSON.

July, 1948

ANNUAL REPORT.

General Statistics.

Area (Statute Acres)	4,068
Population (1931) Census	9,744
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population, 1947	9,823
Number of Inhabited Houses	29,39
Rateable Value	£66,139
Sum represented by a penny Rate (approximate)	£267

Vital Statistics.

Live Births	{ Legitimate—Males 111 Females 79 } { Illegitimate—Males 7 Females 5 }	202
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		20.56
Still Births	{ Legitimate—Males 3 Females 2 } { Illegitimate—Males 1 Females 0 }	6
Still Births, Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		29.12
Deaths—Males 85, Females 83.		168
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		17.1
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	{ Puerperal Sepsis Other Puerperal Causes }	— —
Deaths from Puerperal Causes, Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		—
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—		
All Infants per 1,000 live births (10 deaths)		49.5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		49.5
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		—
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		23
,, ,, Measles (all ages)		—
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)		—
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Diphtheria Immunisation was started in the Borough in January 1941. Since that date Immunisation has been carried out regularly and the number of children immunised each year shows that a high percentage of the child population has received treatment against Diphtheria.

The following tables show the estimated child population, and the number immunised, giving age groups. This gives a percentage of 80.55 for the year.

ESTIMATE CHILD POPULATION, MID 1947.

Age Group	0 to 4 years, inclusive	767
Do.	5 to 14 years	„	...	1237
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NUMBER IMMUNISED IN 1947 SHOWING AGE GROUPS.

Under 1 year	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5—9 Years	10—14 Years	TOTAL
35	82	9	6	8	19	13	172

In addition 380 children between the ages of 7 and 14 years, were given reinforcing doses.

Legislation in Force.

ADOPTIVE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 ...	15th June, 1893
Private Street Works Act, 1892 ...	...
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 :— Parts 2 (except Sec. 29), Parts 3, 4 and 6 Parts 7 (except Secs. 82, 84, 85 and 86). Parts 8, 9 and Part 10 (except Sec. 94)	April, 1909
Public Health Act, 1925, Part 5 ...	26th January, 1926
Section 1 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 applied to Sheep, Ewes, Wethers, Rams and Lambs (as regards old area) ...	1st February, 1934
Ditto (as regards Borough as extended) ...	1st July, 1935

Byelaws.

With respect to markets ...	16th February, 1882
With respect to the Driving of Cattle ...	5th March, 1888
With respect to the Obstruction of Foot Pas- sengers ...	8th August, 1892
For the Navigation of the River Torridge with- in the Harbour of Bideford ...	4th July, 1894
With respect to the Lighting of Vehicles ...	11th November, 1899
With respect to the disturbance of persons assembled in public buildings, shooting galleries, round-a-bouts, etc., street music and bad language ...	25th June, 1900
Prohibiting Spitting in Public Places ...	31st January, 1911
With respect to the Victoria Park Pleasure Ground ...	18th January, 1913
With respect to New Streets & Buildings ...	10th July, 1928 and 1st August, 1939
With respect to the Management of the Public Cemetery ...	18th August, 1930 and 1st June, 1947
Regulating the use of Motor Boats within the Harbour ...	17th August, 1931
With respect to the Public Slaughterhouse ...	15th March, 1932

Relating to Violent Behaviour on Elementary School Premises	20th February, 1933
With respect to the Fouling of Footpaths by Dogs	17th August, 1935
For the Regulation of Advertisements ...	3rd December, 1936
With respect to the Decent Conduct of Persons using Public Sanitary Conven- iences	1st April, 1937
With respect to :—	
(1) Nuisances contrary to Public Decency	
(2) Deposit of Litter to the Detriment of Public Amenities	
(3) Wireless, Loudspeakers, Gramophones, etc.	1st February, 1937
Regulations.	
With respect to the supply of Water ...	1893 and 1st September 1939

TAB. I.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED											
	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	1	—	2	1	2	1	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	—	—	2	6	2	8	1	1	1	—	—	—
Cerebral Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—

BLDISEASES

[illegible]

TABLE II.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1947 AND PREVIOUS 5 YEARS

Years	Estimated population for Year	Births.		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.				Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
		Nett		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.		Under 1 year of age		At all Ages			
		Number	Rate per 1000	Number	Rate per 1000 population	Number	Rate per 1000 births	Number	Rate per 1000 population		
1942	12580	153	12.95	142	11.28	6	39.21	142	11.28		
1943	10300	153	14.85	140	13.59	7	45.75	140	13.59		
1944	10440	178	17.04	174	16.66	13	73.03	174	16.66		
1945	10000	153	15.3	154	15.4	11	71.89	154	15.4		
1946	9860	185	18.76	160	16.22	9	48.64	160	16.22		
1947	9823	202	20.56	168	17.1	10	49.5	168	17.1		

CAUSES OF AND A

	Nett deaths at t									
	All		Under		1 and		2 and		5	
	Ages		1 year		under		under		ur	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cerebral spinal fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer of Stomach	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer of Breast	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer, all other sites	10	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Heart Disease	34	37	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases of Circulatory System	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nephritis	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Premature Birth	4	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformation	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Violent Causes	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other causes	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	85	83	7	3	—	—	1	—	—	—

AT DEATH DURING 1947

Unjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring
in or without the District.

15 and under 25 years		25 and under 35 years		35 and under 45 years		45 and under 55		55 and under 65 years		65 and under 75 years		75 and under 85 years		85 and under 95 years		95 and over.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1																	
2		1	5		2					1							
							1		1			1					
									1			1					
									2		2		1				
				1		1	1	2		4	1	2	2				
						1		1	1	1							
				1		2	1	2	2	8	9	16	15	5	9		
											1		2				
								2		1		3	1	1	2		
					1								1		1		
					1	1											
							1	1					1				
												3					
				1			1		1								
											1						
										1	2	2	3		1		
3	--	1	5	3	4	5	6	8	8	21	16	30	28	6	13	--	--

TABLE IV.—OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES.			Vision not Impaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
	At home	In hospital				
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

TABLE V.—TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female

Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
20—25	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—
25—35	1	3	—	—	1	5	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
45—55	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS	4	6	—	—	4	7	—	—

TABLE VI.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
Cardiac Failure	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Digestive Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Premature Birth	3	—	1	—	4	1	—	—	—	5
Congenital Malformation	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	3
TOTALS	5	—	1	—	6	1	3	—	—	10

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE
BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you my twenty third Annual Report, which deals with the work carried out during the year ended December 31st, 1947.

Sanitation.

The Tabulated Summary shows the work that has been carried out under the Public Health Acts, and the Housing Acts, 1925, 1930, 1935, and 1936.

Number of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	416
Number of preliminary Notices served under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	28
Number of Statutory Notices served under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	18
Number of Preliminary Notices served under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	8
Number of Statutory Notices served under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Notices served under Section 19 Housing Act 1930, of time and place at which question of making a Demolition Order would be considered	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Demolition Orders made under Section 19, Housing Act, 1930	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Houses demolished	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Closing Orders made of part of a Building under Housing Act, 1930	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Notices served under Factory and Workshops Act	...	...	...	...	2

The chief defects that have been dealt with are :—

Roofs of Dwelling houses repaired	6
Roofs of Outbuildings repaired	2
Eaves, gutters and downpipes repaired or renewed	5
Pipes and sump provided to carry off water from down pipes	3
Plastering and Treatment of Damp Walls	7
Drains cleared	14
Defective drains removed and pipes relaid	18
Manholes provided on Drains	7
Floors repaired in living and sleeping rooms	3
New W.C. pans fitted	5
Flushing Cisterns fitted	7
Scullery sinks fixed	5
Cooking stoves put into usable condition	3
Interior plastering repaired	9
Exterior plastering repaired	5
Pipes renewed so as to provide adequate Water Supply	14
Defective Paving in yard repaired	4
Animals kept in such a state to be a nuisance	1
Accumulations of manure removed	1

HOUSING.

During the year twenty five houses were built. Twelve of these were erected by the Town Council on the Barton Estate. East the Water. The tenants for these houses were selected from various parts of the Town, where they were living in overcrowded conditions and had no separate accommodation.

The total number of persons moved into these twelve houses was forty nine.

There is a long list of families still waiting for houses and these applicants can only be dealt with as more houses are available.

Infectious Diseases and Infection.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases have been notified during the year :—

Cerebro Spinal Fever	.....	.....	.....	1
Enteric Fever	.....	.....	.....	1
Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	.....	8
Pneumonia	.....	.....	.....	4
Erysipelas	.....	.....	.....	1
Measles	.....	.....	.....	21
Tuberculosis	.....	.....	.....	10
Diphtheria	.....	.....	.....	2

Eleven patients were removed for treatment at the Bideford and District Isolation Hospital.

A “Manlove” Steam Disinfector is available at the Bideford and District Isolation Hospital.

Number of houses disinfected for :—

Notifiable Infectious Diseases	.....	8
Tuberculosis	.....	10
Other Infectious Diseases	.....	4
Verminous conditions	.....	8

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.**I. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.**

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	41	2	.....
Factories without mechanical power	22		.....
Other Premises under the Act	9		.....
TOTAL	72	2	.....

2. Defects Found.

Particulars	Number of Defects.			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (Section 1)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Overcrowding (Section 2)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature (Section 3)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation (Section 4)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (Section 6) .....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Sanitary — Insufficient	1	1	.....	Nil
Conveniences — unsuitable or defective	Nil	.....	.....	Nil
(Section 7)— Not separate for sexes	1	1	.....	Nil
Other Offences	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
TOTAL	2	2	.....

RAINFALL.

The Borough Surveyor kindly supplied the following particulars of the rainfall as recorded at Gammaton and Jennetts for the year 1947 :—

				Gammaton.	Jennetts.
January	.....	.....	.....	4.76	4.20
February	.....	.....	.....	0.50	0.55
March	.....	.....	.....	6.90	6.95
April	.....	.....	.....	2.87	2.77
May	.....	.....	.....	2.85	2.55
June	.....	.....	.....	3.64	3.02
July	.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.93
August	.....	.....	.....	0.59	0.39
September	.....	.....	.....	1.81	1.88
October	.....	.....	.....	1.60	1.57
November	.....	.....	.....	3.39	3.52
December	.....	.....	.....	3.03	3.63
				<hr/> 34.03	<hr/> 32.96
				<hr/> Inches	<hr/> Inches

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of the Town is on the "Constant System" and is obtained from two sources, namely, Gammaton Reservoir and Jennetts Reservoir.

Samples are submitted periodically to the Devon County Laboratory at Dix's Field, Exeter for bacteriological examination.

The result of a sample taken at Gammaton Reservoir on October 7th was as follows :—

W. 1239. Gammaton Reservoir.

Probable number of coli-aerogenes organisms per 100 ml. = nil. This sample is of a satisfactory standard of purity.

The result of a sample taken at Jennetts Reservoir on November 24th was as follows :—

W. 1487. Jennetts Reservoir. Filtered and chlorinated.

Probable number of coli-aerogenes organisms per 100 ml. = nil. This sample is satisfactory bacteriologically.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The refuse of the town is collected by means of a mechanical freighter and a Bedford lorry.

Refuse collection was carried out on $4\frac{1}{2}$ days in the week, and Friday was devoted to the collection of salvage.

Some of the refuse was tipped at the Refuse Tip at Norham Ridge, but selected refuse was used for filling in the playing fields.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Houses found to be infested :—

Council Houses	...	Nil	Other Houses	...	3
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These were three cases of minor infestations at old houses. Treatment was carried out by loosening woodwork and hacking off loose and broken plastering and spraying the premises with insecticide. In each house the spraying was carried out twice, with an interval of five days, then the defective plastering was repaired and the woodwork refixed and the premises redecorated. These methods proved satisfactory and no further trouble from this source has been experienced at these houses.

FLIES.

Treatment with tip dressing was carried out at the Refuse tips to prevent the breeding of flies. The methods employed were satisfactory as no large quantities of flies were seen.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

During the year tests were made to ascertain to what extent the sewers of the Town were infested with rats. Prebaiting was carried out in about 10% of the manholes at both West and East the water, but only in small sections of the sewers were there any evidence of rats.

Poisoned baits was used in the sections where traces of rats were found and maintenance treatment will be carried out periodically to get rid of the rats.

The Refuse Tip are frequently treated by prebaiting and poisoned baits to kill rats.

Two dwelling houses were dealt with by trapping and poisoning to rid the premises of small infestations of rats.

Two business premises were successfully dealt with by extensive trapping to overcome invasions by mice.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Public Abattoir

The Ministry of Food took over the use of the Council's Public Abattoir in January, 1940. The slaughtering of animals, the dressing of the carcasses, the inspection of the meat and the allocation to the various butchers in the area comprising Bideford Borough, Bideford Rural District, Northam Urban District, Great Torrington Borough, and Torrington Rural District is all done at this Central Depot.

During the year 12,140 animals were slaughtered at the Public Abattoir and 252 carcasses were brought to the slaughterhouse already "dressed."

Emergency Slaughter.

During the year 40 Bullocks, 107 Cows, 62 Calves, 1116 Sheep and 32 Pigs were sent to the Abattoir for Emergency Slaughter.

There were also brought to the Abattoir the carcasses of 3 Bullock 4 Cows, 5 Calves, 231 Sheep and 9 Pigs.

The examination of the carcasses of all animals that come under the heading of Emergency Slaughter and also the "Dressed Carcasses" that are brought in, involves considerable time to ascertain why the animals had been slaughtered and to determine whether the carcasses were fit for human consumption.

Stunning. In compliance with Section 1 of the Slaughter of Animals Act 1933, all animals that are killed in the slaughterhouse are rendered insensible to pain by means of a mechanically operated instrument.

The following Tables give a summary of the work carried out :—

TABLE A. Gives details of the animals killed and the number of carcasses or organs condemned, also showing percentages of the carcasses affected, differentiating between

1—All diseases except Tuberculosis.

2—Tuberculosis only.

TABLE B. Gives the weight of the Meat and Offal condemned and the causes of condemnation.

TABLE C. Shows the amount of "Other Foodstuffs" condemned and the reasons for condemnation.

TABLE A.

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned.

The following Table is as suggested by the Ministry of Health.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number of Animals killed	876	440	2025	8700	99
Number brought in dressed	3	4	5	231	9
Number inspected	879	444	2030	8931	108
All diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcasses con- demned	9	36	32	335	6
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	720	180	30	6160	26
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	82.93	48.64	3.05	72.72	29.62
Tuberculosis only Whole carcasses con- demned	17	46	5	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	122	174	—	—	4
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with Tuberculosis	15.81	49.55	0.24	—	4.62

TABLE B.
SUMMARY OF FOOD COMDEMNATIONS WITH CAUSE OF CONDEMNATION AND WEIGHT.

Foodstuffs Condemed.	Cause of Condemntion.	Carcases.	Pt. Carcases	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Beef	Tuberculosis	63	—	15	11	2	0				
Beef offal	Do.	—	296	4	10	0	6				
Beef	Other Causes	45	—	9	16	1	1				
Beef	Do.	—	49	1	5	0	21				
Beef offal	Do.	—	851	6	8	1	22	37	11	1	22
Veal	Tuberculosis	5	—	—	4	2	11				
Veal	Other Causes	32	—	—	19	2	25				
Veal	Do.	—	8	—	—	2	25				
Veal offal	Do.	—	22	—	1	1	4	1	6	1	9
Pork	Tuberculosis	1	—	—	—	2	24				
Pork	Do.	—	4	—	1	0	25				
Pork	Other Causes	6	—	—	8	2	24				
Pork	Do.	—	7	—	2	1	21				
Pork offal	Do.	—	19	—	1	1	20	—	14	2	2
Mutton	Emaciation	101	—	1	15	0	14				
Do.	Inflamation	92	—	2	13	2	3				
Do.	Do.	—	3	—	—	2	5				
Do.	Anaemia	71	—	1	8	2	7				
Do.	Pleurisy	21	—	—	10	3	5				
Do.	Do.	—	23	—	3	0	5				
Do.	Haemorrhage	10	—	—	5	1	23				
Do.	Do.	—	5	—	—	2	25				
Do.	Greenness	10	—	—	5	0	7				
Do.	Peritonitis	9	—	—	5	1	19				
Do.	Septicaemia	8	—	—	4	1	18				
Do.	Nephritis	6	—	—	3	0	4				
Do.	Injuries	5	—	—	2	1	1				
Do.	Do.	—	9	—	—	1	16				
Do.	Parturition	2	—	—	1	1	15				
Do.	Abscesses	—	17	—	2	0	21				
Do.	Dropsical	—	15	—	1	1	11				
Do.	Rheumatism	—	6	—	—	1	9				
Mutton Offal	Distoma Hepatium	—	6082	1	2	0	18				
	Cysts and Congestion	—						9	5	3	2
								48	18	0	7

TABLE C.
OTHER FOODSTUFFS

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED.	CAUSE OF CONDEMNATION.	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
397 Tins of Meat	Tins blown or decomposition	—	8	0	5	7½
302 Tins of Fish	Do.	—	1	1	24	10½
575 Tins of Vegetables	Do.	—	6	3	15	13
92 Tins of Soup	Do.	—	—	2	8	4½
124 Tins of Fruits	Tins blown or punctured	—	2	2	27	11
314 Tins of Milk	Do.	—	2	2	7	13
48 Tins of Jams	Do.	—	—	3	20	8
20 Tins of Marmalade	Do.	—	—	1	4	0
1 Tin of Mustard	Tin damaged and dampness	—	—	—	—	4
1 Packet, Farleys Rusk	Dampness and Mould	—	—	—	—	8
3 Packets, All Bran	Do.	—	—	—	1	14
5 Packets, Wheat Flakes	Do.	—	—	—	2	8
1 Packet, Puffed Wheat	Do.	—	—	—	—	8
1 Packet, Crispbread	Do.	—	—	—	—	8
22 Packets, Beef Suet	Ho.	—	—	—	11	0
29 Packets, Jellies	Damaged, dampness and mould	—	—	—	9	0
54 Packets, Cake Flour	Contaminated by Turpentine	—	—	1	0	8
4 Packets, Sultanas	Contaminated by Disinfectant	—	—	—	4	0
59 Bags of Groaten	Dampness, Mould and Sourness	—	—	3	19	4
6 Bags, Plain Flour	Dampness and mould	—	—	—	18	0
2 Bags, Shrimps	Sticky, heated and decomposed	—	—	—	24	0
2 Boxes, Prunes	Mould and decomposition	—	—	1	22	0
2 Boxes, Kippers	Decomposition.	—	—	3	0	0
13 Boxes, Cod Fillets	Do.	—	4	2	0	0
2 Boxes, Skate	Do.	—	—	3	7	0
2 Boxes, Haddock	Do.	—	—	3	0	0
4 Boxes, Hake	Do.	—	2	2	0	0
Pieces of Bacon	Do.	—	—	—	4	2
Pieces, Frozen Beef	Squashed and dirty condition	—	—	—	21	0
2 Part Boxes, Butter	Do.	—	—	—	22	12
2 Part Boxes, Margarine	Do.s	—	—	1	5	8
1 Part Box, Chocolates	Do.	—	—	—	2	8
20 Bottles, Pickles	Bottles broken, Glass Splinters in contents	—	—	—	20	0
3 Bottles, Sauce	Do.	—	—	0	0	15
2 Bottles, Coffee	Do.	—	—	—	—	6
1 Bottle, Piccalilli	Do.	—	—	—	—	10
TOTAL		1	16	0	4	14

Butchers' Shops.

The ten butchers' shops in the town are kept in good condition and all comply with the requirements of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, in that they are provided with moveable glass fronts. The butchers' shops in the Butchers' Row are under a covered Market Place.

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 and 1938.

The following Table sets out the number of dairymen who are producing Graded Milk under the above Order and are trading in the Borough

Local Authority	Grade of Milk		
	T.T.	Accredited	Pasteurised
Bideford Borough	4	4	1
Bideford Rural	2	3	.....
Barnstaple Rural	1	.....	.....

One licence authorising the use of the special designation "Pasteurised" is in force.

Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

Ninety four samples of milk were submitted to the Devon County Laboratory at Dix's Field, Exeter for bacteriological examination. Some of these samples were taken by the County Sampling Officer.

The milk is classified into Grades :—

- (a) Tuberculin Tested. (b) Pasteurised.
- (c) Accredited and (d) Ordinary.

The following tabulated summary shows the Grade of Milk and the results of the examination.

Name of Local Authority	Number of Samples	Tuberculin Tested.		Pasteurised		Accredited.		Ordinary	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Bideford Borough	94	30	13	24	1	21	2	2	1

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN ACKLAND

